GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5
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CONSUMPTION OF FERTILISERS
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The consumption of nitrozen, phosphate and potash fertilizers, per hectare, in Bihar;

(b) the details of urea and other fertilizers made available to the State during 1999-2000;

(c) whether the supply of the said fertilizers was made to each State according to its demand;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures being taken to supply fertilizers to the States to their demand in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) In Bihar, during 1999-2000, the estimated per hectare consumption of nitrogen was 70.07 Kgs, Phosphate, 20.81 Kgs and Potash, 6.31 Kgs.

(b) Urea is the only controlled fertilizer of which demand of each State is met through allocation under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. All other fertilizers are decontrolled and their availability depends on market forces of demand and supply. Availability and sales of major fertilizers, i.e. Urea, DAP and MOP in Bihar during 1999-2000 was as under:

(in '000 MTs)

	Kharif 1999			Rabi 1999-2000		
	Urea	DAP	MOP	Urea	DAP	MOP
Availability	861.65	240.80	55.00	796.21	238.14	77.29
Sales	692.11	186.67	37.23	663.56	201.95	64.15

(c) Yes, Sir. The supply of urea to each State was according to their demand.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) As stated in part (b) above, urea is now the only fertilizer for which demand of each State is met through allocation under the EC Act. In case of inadequate domestic production, Government imports urea. During 1999-2000, 5.33 lakh tonnes of urea was imported.